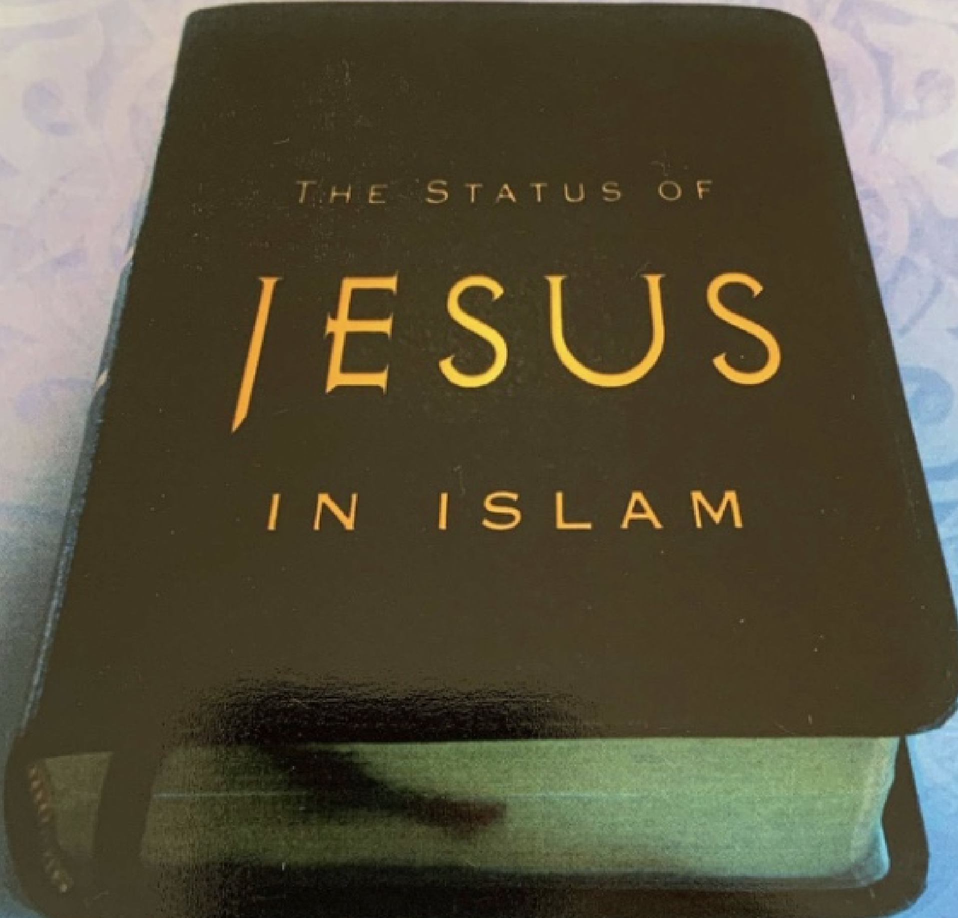
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Publisher's Foreword

All praise is for Allah and may His peace and commendations be upon the last of His messengers, Muhammad. This book is a complete translation of the treatise "*Makaanatu 'Eesaa fil-Islaam*" **[The Status of Jesus in Islam]** written by Dr. Rabee' Ibn Haadee Al-Madkhalee, a former professor at the Islamic University of Madeenah.

The source for this translation in Arabic can be found on the author's website www.rabee.net while translations of the meanings of the Qur'an were derived from the Dar-us-Salam Noble Qur'an edition.

In this brief treatise, the author sets out to clarify Islam's true position towards Jesus, which is the middle course between two extremes. At one extreme there are those who believe that Jesus is God, the Son of God or part of a divine trinity while on the other extreme there are others who slander him and deny his message.

The correct belief regarding Jesus as confirmed in the Qur'an and Prophet Muhammad's teachings is that he was no more than a prophet and messenger of God sent with the same message as all the prophets before him such as Moses, Abraham and Noah. That message was to worship God alone and avoid false deities. This is the one true unwavering message of the Creator to His creation throughout the course of time, and it is the same message that Jesus brought to his people and which Muhammad brought to his people after him.

The Status of Jesus in Islam

The author lists several verses from the Qur'an which relate the story of Jesus and his mother, Mary. These verses display in a clear and explicit manner the events surrounding the birth of Mary and her struggles as well as the birth of Jesus and the miracles he performed at an early age.

They also demonstrate Jesus' lofty position in Islam and define his role as one of the greatest messengers sent by God to mankind.

Finally, the author goes on to mention several verses from the Gospels that completely confirm and support Islam's true stance towards Jesus in that he was a prophet and messenger of God and not a deity or part of a trinity.

We hope that this short treatise will serve as an invitation to Christians to reflect on the beauty and simplicity of Islam, which has taken a moderate stance towards Jesus, assigning him a lofty role as one of the foremost messengers of God.

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Text of the Book

All praise is for Allah,[1] and may His peace and commendations be on His Messenger (Muhammad), as well as his family, Companions and those who follow his guidance.

To proceed:

All of the nations are in agreement that God alone is the One who created this universe which includes the heavens and earth and everyone that lies between them or within them, such as the angels, jinn[2] and mankind.

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[1] **Translator's Note:** Allah is the proper name for God, who is the Creator of all that exists. When reading the name Allah throughout this essay, notions of an idol, statue or human being should not come to mind. God has referred to Himself as Allah in the Qur'an, and it is by this name that the Muslims refer to Him. Allah refers to the Creator, Sustainer, and Administrator of everything in existence, and not a man, concept or idol. The words Allah and God will be used interchangeably throughout this treatise when appropriate in order to provide easy reading for Non-Muslims that are not accustomed with the name Allah.

[2] **Translator's Note:** The jinn are a separate species created by God from a smokeless flame of fire. They are part of the Unseen and information concerning them has been revealed to us in the Qur'an. According to Islamic teachings, the Devil, Satan, comes from the jinn contrary to western beliefs, which state that the Devil is a "fallen" angel. Satan refused to obey God's order to prostrate before His creation, Adam, and was thus cast out of Paradise. Had he been an angel, he would not have disobeyed God's command, as the angels never disobey Him. **"They do not disobey Allah in what He commands of them, and they do what they are ordered to do."** [Qur'an 66:6]

They all acknowledge that He is the One who governs and administers this universe, and that everything in existence is subjected to His Will and Power, but yet in spite of this, He maintains it with Gentleness, Mercy and Wisdom.

He has entrusted all sane adults with worshipping Him and obeying His commands. And it is for this reason that He created them, as He says: **"And I did not create mankind or the jinn except to worship Me. I do not seek any provision from them nor do I ask that they should feed Me. Verily, Allah is the All-Provider, Owner of Power, Most Strong."** [Qur'an 51:56-58]

So He provided them with the necessary tools they would need to carry out this responsibility of worshipping Him, such as upright innate natures and rational, conscious intellects.

He also subjected the heavens and the earth to serve them, and sent honorable messengers to them every time the Devil and his helpers diverted them away from the objective for which they were created towards things such as idolatry, satanic worship, and the abandonment of God's Straight Path.

At the head of these noble messengers were those who possessed strong will and determination, and they were: Muhammad, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Noah, may God send the best of His peace and blessings on them.

Allah says: **"He has ordained for you the same religion that He ordained for Noah and which We revealed to you (O Muhammad) and ordained for Abraham, Moses and Jesus – that you should establish the Religion and make no divisions in it. Intolerable for the pagans is that which you call them to. Allah chooses for Himself whom He wills and guides unto**

Himself those who turn to Him in repentance and obedience." [Qur'an 42:13]

So the religion of all of the messengers, especially those mentioned above, was one, and that was Islam – there being no other religion that they ascribed to besides it. [3]

Allah says: **"Verily the only Religion acceptable in the sight of Allah is Islam."** [Qur'an 3:19]

And He says: **"And whoever desires a religion other than Islam, it will never be accepted from him and in the Hereafter, he will be from among the losers."** [Qur'an 3:85]

And He says: **"O Messengers! Eat from the good lawful foods and do righteous deeds. Verily, I am Well-Acquainted with what you do."** [Qur'an 23:51]

And Allah says: **"Verily, this nation of yours is one (Muslim) nation, and I am your Lord, so worship Me alone."** [Qur'an 21:92]

The word **"nation"** in this verse refers to religion, so it means that their religion is one, and that is Islam, which consists of making one's worship sincerely and solely for God, the One and Indivisible.

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[3] **Translator's Note:** Islam is an Arabic word that means to surrender and submit one's will. This is what the Religion of Islam entails in that when one accepts Islam, he submits his will to the Will of the only true God. So he adheres to whatever God mandates on him without doubting it or fighting against it. A Muslim has two sources from which his religion is derived: 1. The Qur'an, and 2. The teachings of Prophet Muhammad, which is known as the Sunnah. As a Muslim, one must follow the commands and avoid the prohibitions mentioned in these two sources, thus submitting to the Will of his Creator.

All created beings are servants of God, and amongst these created beings are the noble messengers, which include those messengers of strong will and determination: Muhammad, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Noah. So they are in fact God's servants – He created them so that they may worship Him and call the people to worship Him.

Therefore, God is the Lord and Creator, and He is the One deserving of being worshipped. No created being from amongst all of His creation shares, partakes in or assists Him in even the smallest aspect of this universe, whether with respect to its creation, sustenance, bringing to life (of things) or causing things to die. Nothing commingles with Him in any of His Attributes of Lordship and Divinity and His Perfect and Most High descriptions.

"Say: He is Allah, the Indivisible. Allah is the Self-Sufficient (in need of nothing). He begets not nor was He begotten. And there is no one co-equal or comparable to Him." [Qur'an 112:1-4]

After having made this introduction, our objective here is to clarify and explain the status of one of the noble messengers of God, Jesus son of Mary, according to Islam.

This honorable prophet holds a great position in Islam, which the Jews and Christians are either unaware of or willingly ignore in their daily lives, beliefs and writings.

Islam has substantiated his great role, which has been confirmed in the best, most complete and just of manners in several clear verses of the Qur'an. So those with pure and uncorrupt reasoning of mind should only accept what Islam has affirmed for this Prophet.

At the same time, they should reject anything that contradicts it, such as the beliefs of the Jews which consist of slander against him and his mother, or the beliefs of the Christians which consist of exaggerating about him and deifying him at times by considering him to be the son of God or God (Himself) or part of a divine trinity, and at times by debasing and mutilating him (i.e. on the Cross), all of which indicate misguidance and deviation in religion and reasoning.

God has related to us (in the Qur'an) the best and most marvelous of stories concerning Jesus and his mother, from the beginning of their ordeal and then going through the various stages of their lives, while clarifying each stage in depth. So those who believe and follow Muhammad affirm all of this, give Jesus and his mother the status they deserve, and welcome them with the highest level of honor.

In the same manner, they welcome all of the other prophets and messengers and believe in them. In fact, Islam has made believing in them one of the major pillars of Faith and affirmed that whoever belittles any of the prophets in any manner has committed disbelief and left from the fold of Islam. So what about those who deny all of them or even one from among them?!

God has praised Jesus and his mother, the Virgin Mary, in many chapters of the Qur'an. We will mention examples from some of these chapters. It is stated in Chapter 3 of the noble Qur'an:

1. "Allah indeed chose Adam, Noah, the family of Abraham and the family of 'Imran over mankind (i.e. the people of their time). Offspring, one of the other, and Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. (Remember) when the wife of 'Imran

said: 'O my Lord! I have vowed to You that the child in my womb will be dedicated to Your services, so accept this from me. Verily, You are the All-Hearing, All-Knowing.'

Then when she gave birth to her daughter (Mary), she said: 'O my Lord! I have given birth to a female child' – whereas Allah knew better what she delivered – 'And the male is not like the female. I have named her Mary and I seek refuge in You for her and her offspring from the outcast Devil.' So her Lord accepted her (supplication) with a good acceptance, and caused her (Mary) to grow up in a good manner and put her under the care of Zachariah.

Every time he would enter her room to visit her, he would find that she had (already) received sustenance. He said: 'O Mary! From where did you get this?' She said: 'This is from Allah.' Verily, Allah provides to whom He wills without limit. At that time Zachariah invoked his Lord saying: 'Grant me from You a good offspring. You indeed are the All-Hearer of invocations.'" [Qur'an 3:33-38]

The story of Mary begins by showing this great bond, where God first mentions those whom He chose over mankind, which included the family of 'Imran, who were the parents of Mary. This was done in order to make it clear that Mary came from a righteous and noble family and that she was part of the offspring of chosen prophets. It was also done to show that her mother was a pious woman.

As an example of her piety and righteousness, she vowed to offer the child in her womb to the services of God since she was hoping it would be a boy. However, when she gave birth to a girl, she referred the matter back to God and sought His pardon and asked Him to protect her daughter and her daughter's offspring from the outcast Devil.

So her Lord answered her supplication and accepted Mary, enabling her to be raised in a good manner by placing a righteous and merciful prophet, Zachariah, in charge of caring for her. This shows that the mother of Jesus had a remarkable upbringing.

Thereafter God continued to provide to her from His Bounty and Generosity, as He informs us in His saying:

2. "And (remember) when the angels said: 'O Mary, verily, Allah has selected you, purified you, and chosen you above all of the other women amongst mankind. O Mary! Submit yourself in obedience to your Lord and prostrate and bow (in prayer) along with those who bow.' This is part of the news of the Unseen that We reveal to you (O Muhammad). You were not with them when they cast lots with their pens to determine which of them should be entrusted with the care of Mary, nor were you with them when they disputed." [Qur'an 3:42-44]

So neither Muhammad, the unlettered prophet,[4] nor his followers were aware of this amazing and accurate news about the messengers, Mary, her mother, Zachariah and

[4] **Translator's Note:** It is a well-documented fact amongst historians and researchers that Muhammad was illiterate. He continued to remain in this condition up until the time of his death. The Angel Gabriel would bring revelation down to him from God and Muhammad would in turn dictate God's word to his followers who would memorize and record it from him. This is truly a miracle from God in that He chose an unlettered man to carry His Message, proving beyond doubt that it would be impossible for him to have forged the Qur'an from his own whims. This is since the Qur'an contains the highest level of literature, accurate historical details, amazing scientific facts that have only been discovered in recent times, and many other amazing aspects that would make it impossible for a man in his position and era to have produced a magnificent book like the Qur'an on his own.

those who disputed with him regarding who would care for Mary.

Nor were they aware of the fact that Zachariah had won custody of her after drawing lots with pens against his opponents.

They did not know how Zachariah welcomed her and who used to bring her sustenance from God as a gift, which in turn led Zachariah in spite of his old age and his wife's barrenness to ask God to grant him righteous offspring. Neither Muhammad nor his followers were aware of any of this previously.

It is not possible to find speech bearing the highest level of splendor and eloquence and so perfectly phrased and magnificently presented whether in the Gospels or elsewhere. This shows that Muhammad was truly a messenger of God and that he did not speak from his own whim but that rather it was revelation sent down to him by the Lord of all creation.

Allah continues relating the story of the Virgin Mary and her son, Jesus, the servant and messenger of God, saying:

3. "(Remember) when the angels said: 'O Mary! Verily, Allah gives you the glad tidings of a Word from Him (which was 'Be' and Jesus was formed). His name will be the Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary, held in honor in this world and the Hereafter. And he will be of those near to Allah. He will speak to the people while in the cradle and during his (years of) manhood, and he will be one of the righteous people.'

She said: 'O my Lord! How shall I have a son when no man has touched me?' He (angel Gabriel) said: 'So it will be, for

Allah creates what He wills. When He decrees a matter, He need only say: Be, and it is. And He will teach him the Book and the Wisdom, as well as the Torah and the Gospel.' And He will make him a messenger to the Tribe of Israel, saying: 'I have come to you with a sign from your Lord – that I design for you a figure out of clay like that of a bird, then breathe into it and it will turn into a bird, by God's Permission. And I will heal those who are born blind and the lepers, and I shall bring the dead to life, by God's Permission. And I will inform you of what you eat and what you store in your houses.

Surely therein is a sign for you if you truly believe. And I have come confirming that which was sent before me of the Torah, and to make lawful for you part of what was (previously) forbidden to you. And I have come to you with a proof from your Lord. So fear Allah and obey me. Truly, Allah is my Lord and your Lord, so worship Him alone. This is the Straight Path.'" [Qur'an 3:45-51]

These verses talk about the beginning of Jesus' affair and the manner in which God created him. They also talk about his being sent as a messenger to the Tribe of Israel and the great miracles that God granted him, which prove the fact that he was a messenger and that he and his mother were free from the accusations inflicted upon them by the Jews.

It is from the common practice of God when creating human beings and animals that the process of reproduction and childbirth occur by way of two parents – a male and a female. However before this, He had created Adam, the father of mankind, from clay, i.e. he did not have two parents. And He created Eve, the mother of mankind, from a male, without any female as He created her from the rib of Adam.

All of this was from God's magnificent signs, which no one on earth or in the heavens was capable of doing. So after a long time had passed of mankind existing on earth, God again wanted to show mankind a new sign that would manifest His great Ability – and that was through the creation of Jesus, whom He created from just a female without any male involved. Mary found news of this strange matter hard to believe, so the angel Gabriel told her: "**So it will be, for Allah creates what He wills. When He decrees a matter, He need only say: 'Be, and it is.'**"

Every one of God's creations no matter how big or small – from His Throne to His footstool to the heavens and the earth and the mountains and oceans and what lies in them, not to mention outer space and its contents which include the sun, the moon and the stars – are brought into existence by God's Desire and Will and by His merely saying: **"Be!"**

So Glorified and Exalted is He. This is from a great Lord that is All-Able and All-Powerful. Nothing can resist or hold back His Desire nor can anything escape it. So whatever He wills comes to pass and whatever He doesn't will does not come to pass.

God granted Jesus knowledge, wisdom, the (divine) message, and miraculous signs as part of the virtues that He grants to all of His prophets and messengers. So the creation of Jesus by God's Word **"Be"**, from only a female, is one of the miracles that prove His tremendous Ability.

In spite of this, a miracle far greater than it occurred before that and that was the creation of Adam, which took place without any male or female, and the creation of Eve from the rib of Adam, which occurred without any female. All of this proves the magnificence and great Ability of God to the

believers with reasoning and leads them to thank, love, glorify, sanctify, honor and direct all forms of worship to Him alone.

Those who best comprehend this point, implement it in their lives and call others to it are the prophets. And at the head of them were the five prophets of strong will and determination, which included Jesus. This is asserted in the Qur'an as well as in the revealed books that came before it like the Gospels, before they were altered and changed. [5]

Jesus affirmed and testified that he was a servant of God and that he was created and brought up (from childhood). He affirmed that God was his Lord, Master, and Creator as well as the Lord, Master, and Owner of all creation.

So he first affirmed all of this, then he called the people to worship this great Lord, Master, Creator, and Owner, as he said: "**Truly, Allah is my Lord and your Lord, so worship Him alone. This is the Straight Path.**" And before that, he said: "**So fear Allah and obey me.**"

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[5] **Translator's Note:** Allah says in the Qur'an: **"Do you (faithful believers) think that they will believe in your religion in spite of the fact that a party of them used to hear the Word of God then change it knowingly after they understood it?"** [Qur'an 2:75] And He says: **"So woe be to those who write the Book with their own hands, then say: 'This is from God' – to purchase with it a small price."** [Qur'an 2:79] This shows that the God's prior revelations were changed and altered after each of their respective messengers had passed on. This is the case with the Jews who changed the Torah after Moses died to conform to their objectives and the Christians who changed the Gospels after Jesus was raised unto God. Proof for this is as clear as the moon on a cloudless night, for one only needs to refer to the various editions, translations and versions of the Bible that exist in circulation, not to mention the contradictions that can be found in it as documented by major Christian theologians today.

God alone is the One who deserves to be feared and obeyed. All of the prophets including Jesus called to this, and God aided them with spectacular miracles as signs and proof for the truthfulness of what they brought.

So mankind had no choice after all that except to answer the call of the messengers and obey them in the revelation they conveyed from God. This revelation contained the command to believe in Him alone and make all worship strictly for Him alone (apart from false gods).

The conclusion derived from these revealed verses (of the Qur'an) is that God informs us in them that Jesus, as well other prophets beside him, held a great position in Islam. They also inform that his creation and the creation of his mother occurred with the highest form of purity and that both Jesus and Mary came from families that were firmly established upon a pure Islamic state. These verses also talk about his Message and his miracles and how he called the people to believe in God and worship Him, fear Him and be dutiful to Him.

This speech concerning Jesus is just like when God spoke about Adam and the rest of the messengers and their history, manners and call. They are all true stories, there being no folklore or exaggeration in them at all. Muhammad and his followers believed in these stories and loved the prophets with all their hearts.

They honored and respected all of the prophets including Jesus, peace be upon him, and held this to be one of the fundamental beliefs of their Religion, as Allah says:

"The Messenger (Muhammad) believes in what has been sent down to him from his Lord, and so do the believers. Each

one believes in Allah, His Angels, His Books and His Messengers. (They say): 'We make no distinction between any of His Messengers.' And they say: 'We hear and we obey. (We seek) Your Forgiveness, our Lord, and to You is the return.'" [Qur'an 2:285]

Allah also says in the Qur'an:

4. "And remember in the Book, (the story of) Mary, when she withdrew in seclusion from her family to a place facing east and placed a screen (to conceal herself) from them. Then We sent to her Our spirit (the angel Gabriel), and he appeared before her in the form of a man, in all respects.

She said: 'Verily, I seek refuge in the Most Gracious (Allah) from you, if you do fear Allah.' He (the angel) said: 'I am only a messenger from your Lord, (to announce) to you the gift of a righteous son.' She said: 'How can I have a son when no man has touched me, nor am I unchaste?' He said: 'So it will be. Your Lord said: 'That is easy for Me. And We wish to appoint him as a sign to mankind and a mercy from Us. And it is a matter already decreed.' So she conceived him,[6] and withdrew with him to a far away place (Bethlehem valley).

The pains of childbirth were such that it drove her to the trunk of a date-palm tree. She said: 'Would that I had died before this, and had been forgotten and out of sight!' Then (the baby Jesus) cried out to her from below her, saying: 'Grieve not, your Lord has provided a water stream under you.

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[6] **Translator's Note:** Allah explains Mary's conception of Jesus in another verse of the Qur'an, saying: **"And remember she who guarded her chastity – We breathed into (the sleeves of) her (shirt) [through Angel Gabriel], and made her and her son (Jesus) a sign for mankind."** [Qur'an 21:91]

Shake the trunk of the date-palm tree towards you, it will drop fresh ripe dates before you.

So eat and drink and be glad. And if you see any human being, say: Verily, I have vowed a fast unto the Most Gracious, so I shall not speak to any human being this day.' Then she brought him (the baby) to her people, carrying him. They said: 'O Mary, indeed you have brought forth a tremendous thing! O (the likes of the) sister of Aaron![7] Your father was not a man who would commit adultery, nor was your mother an unchaste woman.' So she pointed to the baby. They said: 'How can we talk to one who is a child in the cradle?'

He (Jesus) said (to them): 'Verily, I am a servant of Allah. He has given me the Scripture and made me a prophet. And He has made me blessed wherever I may be. He has enjoined on me prayer and the giving of charity for as long as I live. And (He has enjoined on me) to be dutiful to my mother and not made me arrogant and wretched. And peace be upon me the day I was born, the day I shall die, and the day I will be raised alive.'

Such is Jesus, son of Mary. This is a statement of truth about which they doubt. It is not befitting to Allah that He should beget a son. Far removed and exalted is He above such a thing! When He decrees a matter, He need only say: 'Be' to it and it is. (Jesus said): 'Verily, Allah is my Lord and your Lord, so worship Him alone. This is the Straight Path.'

Then the (Christian) sects differed between themselves, so woe unto the disbelievers from the meeting of a great Day

[7] **Translator's Note:** This does not refer to Aaron, the brother of Moses, but rather to some other pious man that lived at the time of Mary. It was the common practice of righteous people to name their offspring after prophets.

(i.e. the Day of Resurrection). How clearly will they see and hear – the Day when they will appear before Us! But the wrongdoers today are in manifest error!" [Qur'an 19:16-38]

This true story explains what happened to Mary after God raised her in a good manner under the care she received from the noble prophet Zachariah and after she had become reputed as a pious worshipper that was pure, chaste and honorable. So the time that God had designated to carry out His Will by creating Jesus in the manner He informed us He would, had now come: **"Then We[8] sent to her Our spirit, and he appeared before her in the form of a man, in all respects."**

This refers to the angel Gabriel. This (miraculous) event took place at the time when this pure and chaste woman had gone out to completely devote herself to the worship of God, placing a screen before her for this purpose which would protect her honor and chastity and seclude her for the sake of worshipping.

Then lo and behold, a human that was well-proportioned in form and beauty suddenly appeared to her, so she demonstrated her modesty in this instance, saying: **"Verily, I seek refuge in the Most Gracious (Allah) from you, if you do fear Allah."**

Such a statement could only come from the heart of a true believer that seeks refuge and solace in God during times of grief and difficulty. In her saying, she reminds and alerts (the

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[8] **Translator's Note:** Throughout the Qur'an, Allah (God) refers to Himself in the plural form, such as by saying We, Us and Our. This, from a literary standpoint, is to show His Grandeur and Majesty, similar to the royal "We" used in the English Language. It does not mean that Allah refers to himself as being a pluralistic God or that He is part of a trinity and so on.

angel in the form of a man) to be fearful of God. All of this was done in order to repel this frightening and dangerous ordeal that had occurred to her.

The noble messenger (Gabriel) then gave her news that caused her fear to be removed and her heart to find tranquility. He said: **"I am only a messenger from your Lord, (to announce) to you the gift of a righteous son."** So she replied in amazement: **"How can I have a son when no man has touched me, nor am I unchaste?"**

This is the normal way that children are conceived (i.e. through cohabitation). So the angel informed her: **"So it will be. Your Lord said: 'That is easy for Me. And We wish to appoint him as a sign to mankind and a mercy from Us.'"**

So creating the universe and everything within it is something easy for God, as He says: **"The creation of you all and the resurrection of you all is nothing more than like the (creation and resurrection) of a single person."** [Qur'an 31:28]

This spirit who blew (the life of Jesus) into her was the angel Gabriel whom God sent to carry out this great task. So she conceived and later withdrew with the baby in her womb to a far away place where she gave birth to her child.

She was then faced with the problem that any chaste and honorable woman like her would feel (i.e. the accusation of being a fornicator) which is why she wished she were dead. But there occurred something that removed her fear and anxiety, and that was when: **"(The baby Jesus) cried out to her from below her, saying: 'Grieve not, your Lord has provided a water stream under you."**

These were signs and miracles that increased her reliance and tranquility and faith in the fact that God would protect her, demonstrate that she was free from fornication, and manifest her honor and nobility. All she needed to do was point to this infant that the slanderers used as a means to accuse her of fornication. **"They said: 'How can we talk to one who is a child in the cradle?'"**

This child startled them while still in his cradle through this amazing miracle as they were completely unaware of his ability to speak. He said to them: "**Verily, I am a slave of Allah. He has given me the Scripture and made me a prophet. And He has made me blessed wherever I may be. And He has enjoined on me prayer and giving of charity for as long as I live. And (He has enjoined me) to be dutiful to my mother, and He has not made me arrogant and wretched. And peace be upon me the day I was born, the day I shall die, and the day I will be raised alive."**

These are truly some of Allah's incredible verses, in which He discusses the way Jesus was conceived and born and how he absolved his Virgin Mother from slander (while still in the cradle).

These amazing verses also provide an explanation of the mission and message of Jesus. Part of Jesus' great message was to clarify to the people that he was a servant of God, and remarkably, this was the first thing he said when he spoke to the people (from the cradle). The second thing he mentioned in his speech was his Message: **"He has given me the Scripture and made me a prophet."** Then the third thing he talked about was the effects of his call: **"And He has made me blessed wherever I may be."**

He then goes on to explain His religious laws and the laws of those messengers that came before him, saying: **"And He has enjoined on me prayer and the giving of charity for as long as I live."**

Then he talks about his noble attributes, such as being righteous and dutiful, and how God did not give him the characteristics of the arrogant and wretched: **"And (He has enjoined on me) to be dutiful to my mother, and He has not made me arrogant and wretched."**

Allah then comments on everything he mentioned previously about Jesus and his mother, saying: **"Such is Jesus, son of Mary. This is a statement of truth about which they doubt.**

This is the true and definitive statement from the Lord who created Jesus and everyone else – the One who is All-Knowing and All-Aware of every miniscule and magnificent aspect of this universe and mankind, amongst whom was Jesus.

Allah has indeed stated the truth about him, and not even the smallest speck of falsehood that the liars say about him can blemish that. Allah has spoken the truth about him, which anyone with uncorrupted intellect and pure innate understanding will find acceptable. All of the prior religious laws also spoke about this, and this is what the believers adhered to.

So all of these events that occurred – such as the angel Gabriel breathing into (the sleeve of) Jesus' mother, then her conceiving him and giving birth to him, the pains and hardships his mother faced because of that, her being absolved from these hardships by God who enabled her

child to speak from the cradle, which proved that she was free from blame and that he was one of the servants of God chosen to be His prophet and messenger and to receive His Book, as well as being mandated with the same religious laws as the prophets and messengers before him had received such as establishing the prayer, giving charity and being dutiful – all of this is the established and confirmed truth. And any claims and allegations that contradict this are false.

So the attacks and accusations forged by the Jews against Jesus and his mother are all lies. And the claims made by the Christians such as Jesus alleging that he was God or the son of God or part of a divine trinity are also falsehood and misguidance, which no upright intellect, religious law or innate nature should accept.

The truth with regard to this matter is what has been stated by God, the One who created Jesus and everyone else from beginning to end, whether jinn or mankind, for the purpose of worshipping Him. And He is the One who chose him as a servant and messenger, just as He had chosen others (in the past) to carry and convey his Message to mankind so that they may fulfill the objective they were created for, which is to worship God alone and make the religion sincerely for His sake.

Jesus conveyed His Message in the best of manners, and he was at the forefront of those who worshipped and submitted themselves to God, speaking the truth openly from the time when he was in his cradle to his years of manhood and up to the point when God raised him up to Him. [9]

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[9] **Translator's Note:** Contrary to Christian beliefs, Muslims believe that Jesus was not crucified, but rather that someone else was made to resemble him and crucified instead of him. The Qur'an states that he was raised up to

This is the status of the prophet and messenger of God, Jesus, peace be upon him, in Islam and according to the Muslim nations. So this is the truth and anything else beside it is a lie and misguidance.

God is not in need of begetting a son. Attributing a child to Him is among the greatest forms of disbelief and misguidance, since it constitutes the highest level of insult and deficiency being ascribed to His Honor, Greatness and Lordship.

The reason for this is because everything that is apart from the Creator is His creation, and all of His creations submit themselves to His Honor and Grandness and are required to worship Him, whereas God is divine and free of begetting a child. Allah replies to those who ascribe a child to Him and speaks truthfully, when He says:

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the heavens where he will await until the day when he will be sent back to earth towards the end of time. Allah says: **"And because of their (Jews) saying boastfully: 'We killed the Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary, Messenger of God.' But they killed him not nor did they crucify him, but rather the resemblance of Jesus was put in another man (and they killed that man). And those who differ therein are full of doubts. They have no certain knowledge; they follow nothing but conjecture, for surely they killed him not. Rather, Allah raised him up (body and soul) unto Himself. And Allah is Ever All-Powerful, Most Wise. And there is none of the People of the Scripture (i.e. Jews and Christians), except that he will surely believe in Him (that he was really a messenger of God) before his (Jesus') death. And on the Day of Resurrection he will be a witness against them."** [Qur'an 4:157-159] The Prophet Muhammad has prophesied that Jesus will return and judge mankind with justice. He will descend by the white minaret in the east of Damascus, placing his hands upon the wings of two angels, and will fight against the Antichrist (Dajjaal) until he reaches him by the gate of Lodd (present-day Israel), where he will kill him.

"You have indeed brought forth something very terrible (i.e. an evil statement) – due to which the heavens are ready to tear apart, the earth split asunder, and the mountains fall in ruins. It is (that statement) that they ascribe a child to the Most Merciful (i.e. God). However, it is not befitting for the (Majesty of the) Most Merciful that he should beget a child. There is none in the heavens and the earth except that he comes unto the Most Merciful as a servant. Verily, He knows each one of them, and has counted them with a full counting. And each one of them will come to Him on the Day of Resurrection alone (and without any helpers)." [Qur'an 19:89-95]

And He says: **"Say: He is Allah, the Indivisible. Allah is the Self-Sufficient (in need of nothing). He begets not nor was He begotten. And there is no one co-equal or comparable to Him."** [Qur'an 112:1-4]

And while addressing Prophet Muhammad, Allah says: **"And warn those who say: 'God has begotten a child.' No knowledge have they of such a thing, nor their fathers. Abominable is the statement that comes out of their mouths. They utter nothing but a lie."** [Qur'an 18:4-5]

So anyone that claims that God has a son is speaking nothing but lies, regardless of whether they are Arabs who say that the angels are God's daughters, or Buddhists and Brahmans who claim that for Buddha and Brahma, or Christians who claim that Jesus is the son of God, God Himself or part of a divine trinity. All of these are lies and fabrications on God.

Yet in spite of this, all of these groups reject and deny each other – no group (amongst those mentioned above) accepts the views of the other. So the lies and fabrications

become removed due to the fact that these groups all defy each other, and because of the fact that the Qur'an, Islam and Muslims reject them and their false claims, as do those with sincere reasoning and pure innate natures.

So all that remains is the clear truth that God informed us of in His miraculous Book, which falsehood cannot enter whether from before it or behind it. This is the magnificent Book (i.e. the Qur'an) that Allah has challenged the jinn and mankind with, by commanding them to bring forth a book equal to it or even ten chapters or one chapter similar to it. However, the people were unable to do this for more than fourteen centuries, and they will continue to never be able to do this until the Day of Judgement. [10]

So what truer and stronger proof is there than the fact that neither the jinn nor mankind were able to produce any part of this Book, which was brought by an unlettered man who

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[10] **Translator's Note:** This is one of God's greatest challenges as it proves that the Qur'an is truly a revelation from Him. If one studies the history of Islam, he will see that Prophet Muhammad, an unlettered man from the lands of Arabia, initially challenged the hierarchical system of the pagan Arabs of Makkah at that time by preaching the pure religion of Islam. Muhammad's followers continued to grow in number as the years progressed. This "new religion" was a direct threat to the power of the pagan Arabs that ruled Makkah and led them to eventually wage war against Muhammad and his followers. Had the religion that Muhammad called to and the revelation he claimed was from God been false, these rulers would have just hired the best poets and writers of their time and had them produce a book or ten chapters or even just one chapter similar to the Qur'an. By doing this, they would have avoided long wars, financial setback, loss of power, imminent destruction, and eventual humiliation. But the true fact of the matter is that they were not able to do it since the Qur'an was truly revealed from God. The pagan Arabs that heard it at that time, in spite of rejecting it, knew it was the word of God due to the miraculous nature of its written format, detailed description, and chosen topics, and they accepted it as the true word of God.

could neither read nor write (i.e. Prophet Muhammad)? This proves that whatever God said about Jesus (in the Qur'an) is the truth and everything beside it is nothing but falsehood.

The point derived from this is that the Qur'an has given Jesus his due right and granted him the honorable position that he deserves. It has ensured that he will always be mentioned truthfully in a Book (the Qur'an) that is read repeatedly by Muslims in their homes and in their mosques, since they recite verses from the Qur'an about Jesus in their prayers. This is also the case with all of the other prophets and messengers of God.

Shouldn't all that Islam and the Muslims state (regarding Jesus) serve as an invitation for the Christians, particularly the rulers, popes, priests, monks and educators amongst them, to reflect, ponder and re-examine their stance towards Muhammad and this great miraculous Book he came with, as well as their stance towards his followers who believed in Jesus as a prophet and messenger and in the Scripture that was revealed to him?

This would hopefully lead to them in turn having respect and honor for Muhammad, and being just towards him, giving him the position he deserves amongst the prophets and messengers. So where is the return of courtesy?

Is it a return of courtesy that they instead put their hands with the hands of the Jews, who denied Jesus and slandered him and his mother with the vilest of slanders and accusations? Aren't they the ones who held the worst form of enmity towards him from the time he was born up to this very day we live in? Aren't they the ones who treated his followers with oppression and transgression, the likes of which would make one's skin shiver?

Then they went on to corrupt his Creed and Religion as part of their plot, making Jesus, may Allah free him from this, into a myth of being God, the son of God or part of a divine trinity, corrupting and nullifying his true Message. They made his Religion and followers into a joke and amusement for anyone with common sense, not to mention even the most foolish of people. These plotters and schemers have changed it into a religion of pagan mythology, which anyone with true intellect would feel ashamed of.

Allah clarifies this point further in His saying:

5. "Verily, the example of Jesus in the sight of Allah is like the example of Adam – He created him from dust and then said to him 'Be' and he was. This is the truth from your Lord, so do not be from those who doubt. So whoever disputes with you concerning him (i.e. Jesus) after all this knowledge (about him) has come to you, say: 'Come, let us summon our children and your children, our women and your women and ourselves and yourselves and then invoke God to send His curses on those of us who is lying.' Verily, this is the true story (about Jesus). And there is no God that has the right to be worshipped except Allah. And indeed Allah is the All-Mighty, All-Wise." [Qur'an 3:59-62]

This extraordinary comparison is a decisive proof that serves to nullify all the claims of the Christians since if it is not possible or correct according to sound minds, religious doctrines, and innate natures to claim that Adam, whom God created from dust with His Hands and breathed into him his soul, is God or the son of God or part of a divine trinity, then for all the more reason such cannot be claimed for Jesus. The creation of Adam was far more remarkable and amazing than that of Jesus as he was created from dust and dust is not part of the human race.

On the other hand, Jesus was created from a woman, which is part of the human race. She carried him in her womb in the same manner that woman carry children and gave birth to him in the same manner that women give birth. This is one of the greatest proofs that can be used to invalidate the false claims and misconceptions of the Christians.

As a matter of fact, the angels were created from light without any father or mother and the Devil was created from fire without any parents. So this is something far more remarkable and indicative of the great Ability of God, the Creator, Molder, and Originator of the heavens and earth.

Even the creation of Eve from the rib of Adam, without any mother, was more miraculous than the creation of Jesus, who was conceived, carried in the womb of a woman and given birth to just as normal women give birth to children. So there does not remain any connection for the Christians according to those who possess reasoning, religion and fairness.

However, in spite of all this, in the eyes of Islam and the Muslims, Jesus is far more superior than Adam and many of the other prophets and messengers, according to the Qur'an and the teachings of Prophet Muhammad. This is since Jesus is one of the five messengers possessing strong will and determination, according to Islam.

So after all this has been said, what is it that will change between Christians and Islam – God's true religion, which is also the religion of Jesus and the rest of the prophets? Won't they realize that the greatest form of misguidance and disbelief is to claim that God has a wife and child since this is

the biggest insult and debasement that can be leveled against God, Lord of all that exists?

The greatest denial of Jesus is to disbelieve in the true message that he brought, such as by saying that he is the son of God and so on even though he clearly stated from the very first day that he was a servant of God who had given him Revelation, made him a prophet, blessed him wherever he was and enjoined on him prayer and charity. These are all characteristics that apply to someone who was created, raised, nurtured and in need of his Lord, submitting to His Majesty and obedient to His commands.

Do they expect for the Muslims to put aside their reasoning and reject Allah and all that the messengers came with? Do they expect them to choose God's Wrath, Severe Punishment and Hellfire, which He prepared for those who reject Him, instead of His Contentment and Reward in Paradise, which was prepared for those who obey and worship Him?

We call on all those Christians with sound reasoning and who are fair and balanced to stand up before God in groups and individually and reflect on their view of Islam. This is the true Religion of God and it is the religion of Jesus and all of the prophets and messengers. Islam has honored Jesus, treated him with justice, and given him the due position that he deserves.

I am sure that if you do this sincerely, without any influence from vain desires, and you ask God to help you while looking into the proofs found in your Gospels, even after its distortion and alteration, you will be guided to the truth, which is that Muhammad is a messenger of God and the Book that he

brought (i.e. the Qur'an) is nothing but the truth revealed from Him.

So whatever God has stated (in the Qur'an) concerning Jesus is the truth. He was a servant and messenger of God. God created him just as He created everyone else including all of the messengers for the sole purpose of worshipping Him, subjecting themselves to His Majesty and submitting themselves to His Grandness.

Below are some examples taken from your Gospels[11] that confirm and support what is stated in the Qur'an and the teachings of Prophet Muhammad. In the seventh verse of Chapter 4 of the Gospel of Mathew, it states:

1. "Jesus said to him: 'Again it is written, You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'" [Matthew 4:7]

2. In this same chapter, there is a story about Jesus and the Devil, in which Satan orders Jesus to prostrate to him to which the Messiah replies: **"Be gone Satan, for it is written:**

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[11] **Translator's Note:** The translation used for Biblical quotes in this booklet comes from the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, which can be accessed on-line at bible.com. It should be noted that currently there are many translations of the Gospels (New Testament) in the English Language. The average reader needs to only view the various translations of the Bible that exist and he will notice the gross changes and alterations in the interpretation and translation of many verses in the Bible, not to mention some being left out completely. This is further proof that the Bible has been distorted and altered as confirmed by God in His Final Revelation, the Qur'an, which He guaranteed to protect and preserve in its original form. Allah says: **"Verily, We sent down the Reminder (the Qur'an) and We will surely preserve it (from corruption)."** [Qur'an 15:9] God did not make such a promise and guarantee for His prior revelations. This is why there can be found obvious and noticeable contradictions in the present-day versions of these revealed Books of the Torah and Gospel.

'You shall worship (prostrate only to) the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve (i.e. worship).'"

This was the message of all of the prophets and it was the argument that Jesus used against Satan. This clearly proves that all of the prophets including Jesus and Muhammad came to establish the belief that God was One and that He was the only Lord that had the right to be worshipped.

Jesus used as proof the previously revealed books that state that God is the only Lord and that He is the only One that deserves to be worshipped and prostrated to.

This is the same thing that Allah revealed to (Prophet) Muhammad when He said: **"And We indeed sent to every nation a messenger (saying to his people): 'Worship Allah alone and avoid false gods.' So amongst them were those whom Allah guided and amongst them were those whose misguidance was justified."** [Qur'an 16:36]

He also revealed to him: **"And We did not send any messenger before you except that We revealed to him: 'There is no god that has the right to be worshipped in truth, except Me, so worship Me alone.'"** [Qur'an 23:25]

These statements that God revealed to Muhammad are in complete conformity with what Jesus stated in his reply to Satan. They are also in conformity with what Jesus said when he called the Tribe of Israel, saying: **"Verily, Allah is my Lord and your Lord, so worship only Him. This is the Straight Path."** [Qur'an 19:36]

These verses also agree with what Jesus will say on the Day of Judgement when his Lord will ask him: **"O Jesus, son of Mary, did you tell the people: 'Worship me and my mother**

as two gods besides Allah?' He will reply: 'Glory be to You! It was not for me to say what I had no right to say. If I had said such a thing, You would have surely known about it. You know what is in my inner self though I do not know what is in Your Self. Truly, only You are the All-Knowing of all that is hidden. I did not tell them anything except for what You commanded me to tell them, (which was): Worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord. And I served as a witness for them for as long as I was with them. But when You took me up, You were the Watcher over them, and You are a Witness to all things.'" [Qur'an 5:116-117]

3. In Chapter 11 of the Gospel of Matthew, verse 25, it states: **"At that time Jesus declared: 'I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that Thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding ones and revealed them to babes (infants).'"**

This shows that Jesus was one of God's servants and messengers. He acknowledged the right of his Lord who created him and bestowed blessings on him, and thus turned to Him in thanks while affirming that He alone was the Lord of heaven and earth. This is since God is the One who made these two creations (the heaven and the earth), as well as everything inside them, in between them and upon them. No one else had any part in this, whether Jesus or anyone else, nor can anyone rival Him in this matter.

4. In Chapter 14 of the Gospel of Matthew, verse 23, it states: **"And after he had dismissed the crowds, he (Jesus) went up on the mountain by himself to pray."**

Prayer is one of the greatest acts of worship that is performed for God, and it is only God's servants that stand in need of His mercy who do it. Allah says in the Qur'an: **"O**

mankind! It is you who stand in need of Allah, whereas Allah is Rich (free of all needs), Most Praiseworthy." [Qur'an 35:15]

And He says: **"The Messiah (Jesus) will never be too proud to reject being a servant of God, nor the angels who are the ones close (to Him). And whoever is too proud and rejects worshipping Him, then He will gather them all together unto Himself."** [Qur'an 4:172]

Jesus was a servant of God and he was not nor will he ever be too proud to worship Him. This is his condition and the condition of all of the prophets and angels.

5. In Chapter 26 of the Gospel of Matthew, verse 39, it states that the Messiah (Jesus): **"fell on his face and prayed, 'My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou wilt.'"**

There is further proof in this text that Jesus was a servant and worshipper of God who had no control over repelling harm or bringing benefit to himself. The text also shows that he sought refuge in God during times of hardship and asked for His assistance and humbled himself before Him in order to remove the harm and danger that was approaching him.

So he fell prostrate with his face on the ground, seeking nearness to God, lowering himself before Him, showing need for Him and expressing the belief that no one had the ability to repel harm except Him. This is the state of all of the messengers, not to mention all of mankind.

6. In Chapter 21 of the Gospel of Matthew, verse 46, it states: **"But when they tried to arrest him, they feared the multitudes, since they held him to be a prophet."**

This verse shows that the majority of the people who believed in God and in Jesus were monotheists with pure and sincere faith as they believed that Jesus was a messenger and prophet. This proves that Jesus had taught this to them and cultivated them to believe in that. So they did not used to believe that he was God or the son of God, since he would not teach people these things.

7. In Chapter 23 of the Gospel of Matthew, verse 10, it states that Jesus said: **"Neither be called masters, for all of you, even the Messiah, have One master."** [12]

This Biblical text is similar to the Qur'anic text in which Allah informs us about the time when His messenger, Jesus, told the Tribe of Israel: **"And verily, Allah is my Lord and your Lord."** [Qur'an 3:51]

So Allah, i.e. God, is the Lord of Jesus. He is his Master, Nurturer and Owner. And He is the Lord, Master and Owner of all mankind.

In his treatise **"The Clear Evidences"**, the Muslim scholar, Taqee-ud-Deen al-Hilaalee, indicated that some translators have distorted this text but in spite of that, the English translation was saved from this corruption.

8. In Chapter 17 of the Gospel of John, verse 3, it states: **"And this is the eternal life – that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent."**

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[12] **Translator's Note:** This text was adapted from what is found in the Revised Standard Edition of the Bible to conform to the original text of this booklet, which was written in Arabic and references an Arabic translation of the Bible.

This text confirms that the message that all of the prophets came with, which was that there is no deity that has the right to be worshipped except Allah. It also confirms that Jesus was a messenger of God. This applied to his time, and every nation had its own time and messenger, as Allah says: **"And We did not send any messenger before you except that We revealed to him: 'There is no god that has the right to be worshipped in truth, except Me, so worship Me alone.'"** [Qur'an 21:25]

And He says: **"And We indeed sent to every nation a messenger (saying to his people): 'Worship Allah alone and avoid false gods.'"** [Qur'an 16:36]

9. In Chapter 12 of the Gospel of Mark, verses 28-30, it states: **"And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he (Jesus) answered them well, asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' Jesus answered, 'The first is: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God, the Lord is One. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'"**

This was the first commandment.

And in verse 32 of the same chapter, it states that: **"The scribe said to him, 'You are right, teacher. You have stated truthfully that He is One and that there is none other but He.'"**

Then in verse 34 of the same chapter, it states: **"And when Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.'"**

This first commandment mentioned by Jesus is the same commandment that Allah prescribed to all of His

messengers, including Jesus. And this was the commandment that the messengers passed on to their nations:

"He has ordained for you the same religion that He ordained for Noah and which We revealed to you (O Muhammad) and ordained for Abraham, Moses and Jesus – that you should establish the Religion and make no divisions in it. Intolerable for the polytheists is that which you call them to." [Qur'an 42:13]

The religion that God ordained for them was the pure monotheistic Faith, which is represented in the statement: **"There is no god that has the right to be worshipped except Allah."** He ordered all of his messengers to call to this. This is what the polytheists found difficult accepting and for which reason they fought against God's messengers.

This was the same thing that Abraham and Jacob, who was also known as Israel, commanded the people with, as Allah says:

"And remember when Abraham and (his son) Ishmael were raising the foundations of the House (Ka'bah at Makkah), saying: 'Our Lord! Accept this from us. Verily, You are the All-Hearer, the All-Knower. Our Lord! Make us submissive unto You, and of our offspring, a nation submissive unto You. And show us how to perform the ceremonies required during the pilgrimage (to the Ka'bah), and accept our repentance. Truly, You are the One who accepts repentance, the Most Merciful. Our Lord! Send amongst them a messenger of their own (i.e. Muhammad), who shall recite unto them Your verses and teach them the Book and the Wisdom (Prophetic Teachings), and purify them. Verily, You are the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.'

And who turns away from the religion of Abraham except for he who fools himself? Truly, We chose him in this world, and in the Hereafter he will be among the righteous. When his Lord said to him: 'Submit yourself', he said: 'I have submitted myself (as a Muslim) to the Lord of all that exists.' And this (submission to Allah) was enjoined by Abraham upon his sons, and also by Jacob, saying: 'O my sons! Allah has chosen for you the (true) religion, so do not die except while you are Muslims (i.e. submitting to the Will of your Creator).'

Or were you witnesses when death approached Jacob? – When he said to his sons: 'What will you worship after me?' They said: 'We will worship your God, the God of your forefathers – Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac – One God and to Him we submit (as Muslims).'" [Qur'an 2:127-133]

This is truly a tremendous religion, in which they submitted their will to the Lord of all that exists, turned to Him in repentance and sought refuge in Him to make their offspring one that submits itself to God.

They invoked Him to send unto them a messenger from amongst themselves who would recite His verses to them, teach them the Book and the Wisdom, and purify them with purification and wisdom that would keep them far away from idolatry, sin and misguidance. Allah states here that whoever turns away from His Religion, which is pure monotheism, only fools himself.

The main point derived from this verse is that the call of all of the prophets was in harmony. Each of their calls were calls to Monotheism and Submission (to God) and to the belief that there is no god that has the right to be worshipped except Allah. They called their nations to this and counseled their offspring who came after them to abide by it.

The second point we want to focus on here was the counsel of Israel, who was also known as Jacob. The verse in the Bible about this is in conformity with the verse from the Qur'an in that the Biblical text indicates that we should have love for God. This is also part of Islam. As a matter of fact, the Religion of Islam also consists of many aspects and great deeds apart from love (for the Creator).

Look at the response of Jesus and his tremendous counsel. Look at the faith of the scribe who asked him the question seeking an answer to benefit from, and his saying: **"You are right Teacher. You have stated truthfully that He is One and that there is none other but He."**

And look at how the Messiah replied to him, saying **"You are not far from the kingdom of God."**

This, and Allah knows best, is a promise from him that he will be in Paradise. And it indicates that anyone who doesn't believe in the Oneness of God and that He alone should be worshipped will not be allowed to enter Paradise. This is similar to what Allah says in the Qur'an when He informs us what Jesus said to the Tribe of Israel: **"Worship Allah, who is my Lord and your Lord. Verily, whoever ascribes partners to Allah in worship, Allah will surely make Paradise forbidden for him and his final abode will be the Hellfire. And the wrongdoers will not have any supporters (in Hell)."** [Qur'an 5:72]

Note: According to the language of the Torah and the Gospels, every righteous and dutiful follower of God is called a son of God. So the title of the **"son of God"** was not specific to just Jesus.

10. In Chapter 5 of the Gospel of Matthew, verse 9, it states: **"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."**

11. And in verse 45 of Chapter 5 of the Gospel of Matthew, it states: **"So that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven."**

12. In verse 4 of the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 5, it states: **"You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."**

13. In Chapter 6 of the Gospel of Matthew, verse 1, it states: **"Beware of practicing your piety before men in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven."**

14. In Chapter 23 of the Gospel of Matthew, verse 9, it states: **"And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven."** [13]

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[13] **Translator's Note:** The use of the relationship of Father and Son to refer to the connection between God and His righteous servants is not just limited to the New testament of the Bible, rather, there can be found proof for it in the Old Testament as well. It is stated in the Bible: **"The sons of God saw that the daughters of men were fair; and they took to wife such of them as they chose."** [Genesis 6:2] **"The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men that were of old, the men of renown."** [Genesis 6:4] **"When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of men, he fixed the bounds of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God."** [Deuteronomy 32:8] **"Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them."** [Job 1:6] **"When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?"** [Job 38:7]

These verses show that the use of the term **"father"** and **"son"** also refers to the connection between the Lord and His servant. This was a practice established in the Bible for all people, so the Messiah, Jesus, was not specifically characterized with it apart from others. [14]

Perhaps this was the custom of some of the Jews and Christians, but God knows best, since it states in the Qur'an: **"The Jews and the Christians say: 'We are the children of God and His beloved ones.' Say: 'Why then does He punish you for your sins?' Nay, you are but human beings from those He has created. He forgives whom He wills and He punishes whom He wills. And to Allah belongs the dominion**

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[14] See **"The Clear Evidences"** of Taqee-ud-Deen Al-Hilaalee (pgs. 6-10). **Translator's Note:** Further evidence from the New Testament that confirms this point that the use of the relationship between Father and Son as a substitute for the relationship between God and His servant is as follows: **"For they cannot die any more, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection."** [Luke 20:36] **"For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God."** [Romans 8: 14] **"But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God."** [John 1:12] **"And not for the nation only, but to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad."** [John 11:52] **"It is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God."** [Romans 8:16] **"...because the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God."** [Romans 8:21] **"That you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world."** [Philippians 2:15] **"See what love the Father has given us – that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him."** [1 John 3:1] **"By this it may be seen who are the children of God, and who are the children of the Devil, Whoever does not do right is not of God, nor he who does not love his brother."** [1 John 3:10] **"By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandment."** [1 John 5:2]

of the heavens and the earth and all that is between them. And to Him is the final return." [Qur'an 5:18]

Any fair and balanced person with sound reasoning will realize that the Qur'anic verses we mentioned above contain a tribute, honor, warm reception and high praise for Jesus. They confirm that he was a prophet and messenger and that he was one of the greatest messengers who carried the flag of Monotheism. These verses also confirm that he called mankind to this Monotheistic Faith, which is to make all worship purely for God, and that he fought against polytheism, warning those who adhere to it that they would reside eternally in Hell – what an evil destination!

These verses from the Qur'an also show how God absolved Jesus and his mother from the slander that the Jews accused them of and how He raised the status of Jesus and his mother, making the statements the Jews made against him and his mother to be considered as disbelief and immense slander.

Furthermore, the verses of the Qur'an and the Bible are in conformity with the fact that Jesus was a servant and messenger of God. This is a high position that no one can attain except for the greatest of messengers, which included Jesus. The teachings of Prophet Muhammad contained the same beliefs, and the Muslims believed in all of that.

So what then is wrong with Islam and the Muslims? There is nothing wrong with Islam at all in the eyes of those who have sound reasoning and impartiality. Rather, the only wrong is the terrible statement that they make against God due to which the heavens are ready to tear apart, the earth split asunder, and the mountains fall in ruins. This statement is in total opposition to what is found in the Qur'an and the

teachings of Prophet Muhammad and what the Muslims believe in, not to mention what is found in the monotheistic texts that are still preserved in the Bible.

Has not the time come for Christians, after hearing all this, to hasten and rush to Islam, especially the intellectual, educated and free thinking ones amongst them?

We call them again to stand up before God in groups and individually and reflect on this tremendous matter, of which there is no matter greater than it, with firm determination and fairness and while sincerely seeking to attain the truth for it is indeed a crucial matter, which can either lead one to Paradise, the size of which spans the heavens and the earth, or the Hellfire, whose fuel will be men and stones and which will be prepared for those who disbelieve to reside in forever. This is something all of the messengers agreed on and can be found in their revealed books – including Jesus, servant and messenger of God.

At this point, we would like to say to you with full honesty and sincerity: **"O People of the Scripture![15] Come to a word that is just between us and you – that we worship none but God alone and associate no partners with Him, and that none of us shall take others as lords besides God.' Then if they turn away, say: 'Bear witness that we are Muslims.'"** [Qur'an 3:64]

This is an earnest call requiring your strict attention. Do not let the enemy of God, Satan, divert and impede you from your objective (of finding out the truth). The Devil is indeed a clear and open enemy to you. He only calls his followers to

[15] **Translator's Note:** In the Qur'an, Allah refers to the Jews and Christians as **"People of the Scripture"** due to the fact that they had been sent messengers with revelation – i.e. Moses with the Torah and Jesus with the Gospels.

be amongst the inhabitants of the Hellfire, whereas Allah, the Most Kind and Most Merciful, calls you to Paradise and to forgiveness. Allah invites you to the abode of Peace and guides whom He wills to a Straight Path.

By Allah, true success and prosperity in the worldly life and the Hereafter can only be found in this great religion of Islam that has been ordained by God, Lord of all that exists. And by Allah, in Islam you will be able to find solutions for all of the problems facing mankind today, whether they are related to beliefs, politics, society, economy or daily etiquettes. Furthermore, Islam eliminates the hostilities, hatred and malice that a person harvests in life that may cause him to enter the Hellfire.

There is no religion or way of life on the face of this earth today that truly contains what we stated previously except for this magnificent religion with its miraculous Qur'an, the tremendous teachings of Prophet Muhammad, its precise and wise principles and its firm fundamentals.

So I urge you to hasten to the real means that will bring about salvation for you from misery in this life and the next and liberation from destructive wars and stifling worries.

O Allah, I ask You to guide these nations (of Christians) to Your upright Religion and Straight Path. Verily, You are Able to do all things and Respond to all requests.

There will be a continuation to this treatise, in which we will clarify the greatness of Islam and the truthfulness of its messenger (Muhammad), as well as how he and his message are far removed from extremism and negligence and in conformity with sound intellects and uncorrupt innate natures...